

FALL FAVORITES:

(In Football)

Army over Columbia

Colgate over Brown

Harvard over Dartmouth

Pennsylvania over Navy

Notre Dame over Iowa

Michigan over Minnesota

Yale over Springfield

Holy Cross over Syracuse

Penn State over West Virginia

Ohio State over Pittsburgh

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Princeton over Cornell

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(In Politics)

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The 200 residents of the Princeton Area who two years after the cessation of hostilities in the Pacific are quietly and efficiently carrying forward the training program of the Civilian Naval Reserve. As the nation next Monday takes lackadaisical notice of Navy Day, commemorating the 172d year of the establishment of the United States Navy as well as the 25th anniversary of the first observance of Navy Day, a measure of re-assurance can be found in the fact that Princeton's reservists are serving a national-defense organization with more than 800,000 members.

While World Federalists, Union Nowists and hard-thinking citizens everywhere are prayerfully seeking the solution of problems created by the evolution of Two Worlds, some recognition must be given—even in the atomic age—to the peacetime responsibilities and missions of what is still the world's most potent sea-arm. Politicians minimize the necessity of innovating universal military training, men of science know that atomic bombs can destroy our civilization but the know-how of waging war remains a valuable asset, possibly a form of national insurance, in 1947.

From a peak wartime strength of 96,000 ships, both large and small, the Navy has been reduced to a number of ever-growing Mothball, or Zipper, Fleets and to one Active Fleet including less than 300 combatant ships. The theory is that thousands of ships, should circumstance ever demand, could be readied for duty by summoning up seasoned veterans of World War II. The theory disregards the changes and conversions of the post-Bikini period that accentuate the importance of continuous instruction and training for key civilian personnel.

Within the past year Navy research, 70 per cent of it conducted on college and university campuses, has hastened the development of the first guided-missile warships, the 45,000-ton Kentucky and the 27,000-ton Hawaii. High submerged speed submarines are scheduled to supplant war-type underwater craft, new emphasis is being placed upon polar warfare, anti-aircraft defenses are becoming increasingly more effective and trans-sonic planes, attaining speeds in excess of 650 miles per hour, point to the dawn of a new era in naval aviation.

For voluntarily participating in an active program to maintain a progressive, well-equipped and well-trained Navy; for remaining "on call" at a time when the majority of them could be expected to turn their backs on anything smacking of the military; they are TOWN TOPICS' nominees for

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Topics of the Town

Murder Averied. Three times in the past 18 months, violent death has struck in Princeton. This week, as one case reached its climax in a Trenton court, a fourth flickered potentially and despite its serious aspects, had a lighter side.

On a sultry June night near the Delaware & Raritan Canal last June, Harvey Hoagland, popular ex-G.I., died instantly when a quarrel was punctuated by the blast of a shotgun that struck him in the face. Pleading guilty to manslaughter, James Roberts, 30-year old itinerant worker of 26 Witherspoon Street, was sentenced Tuesday to eight to ten years, the maximum term under the charge.

Judge Charles P. Hutchinson and Prosecutor Mario Volpe agreed: since the State lacked specific evidence to prove that Roberts directed his fire at Hoagland, it could not justify a demand for a charge of murder. The fact that they were right would not still repetition of the comments heard when two men involved in the fatal shooting of Patrolman Walter Harris were let off lightly, a third went scot free.

Same day that Roberts started his jail term, George Laskaris, former service man and now a waiter in a New York night club, caused considerable commotion. His father reported to Brooklyn police that the veteran had telephoned to announce his English war bride was "no good" and "faithless" and that he was on his way to kill her and their four-year old son. His destination (armed with a .45 caliber automatic): Princeton, N. J.

Specifically, the teletype message preceding Laskaris methodically thumped out at Borough Hall that he was on his way to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John

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C. Williams, 87 Library Place, where his 23-year old wife, Violet, was employed as a maid. While he was heading for Princeton, police ascertained that Mrs. Laskaris had left the Williams' employ three months ago, that she had later served in the household of Donald Rose, 4 Evelyn Place, and that she had last been seen in town on September 23.

With Princeton and State police alerted for Laskaris (supposedly coming by car), he appeared to have changed his mind and his course. Twenty-four hours after the furor broke, he had yet to show up.

Metropolitan papers were on the story fast, the afternoon editions making life merry by long distance 'phone for Patrolman Frank Bird at headquarters. The New York Times contented itself with wiring its correspondent for coverage "for whatever develops."

As an afterthought, it added: "Caution—Laskaris is armed and considered dangerous." For running the risk of being shot at while patrolling his newsbeat, the slightly harassed correspondent was considering asking more than the standard rate of 75 cents an hour.

Miscellany . The Community Chest has raised \$80,000 toward its goal of \$94,700, with business contributions setting a new record at \$11,000 . . . the "three-day plan" was a pronounced success, (Continued on page eight)



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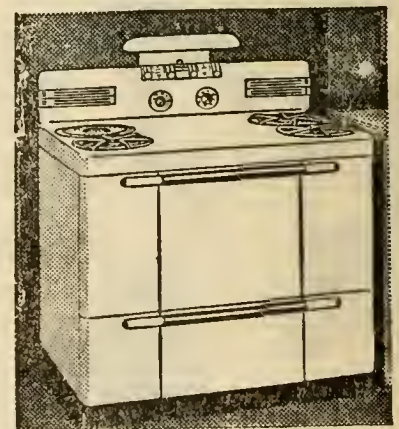
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Saturday, October 25th

1:00 p.m.: Sub-Varsity Princeton University Football Teams in action on University, Poe and Fitzpatrick Fields.
2:00 p.m.: Football: Princeton vs. Cornell; Palmer Stadium.

Sunday, October 26th

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.
11:00 a.m.: Sermon, the Rev. Victor B. Stanley Jr., Trinity Church.
"The Common Denominator," Dr. Theodore D. Stevenson; Laymen's Sunday; First Church.
"Toward New Life," the Rev. Dr. William L. Tucker; Second Church.
"The Church at Work," the Rev. U. B. Blakeley, guest speaker; Witherspoon Church.
"The Lord of Hosts is with Us," the Rev. Milton J. Nauss; Lutheran Service; Chapel, Westminster Choir College.
"Now Is The Time," the Rev. Lynn H. Corson; Methodist Church.
"Probation after Death," Lesson-Sermon; First Church of Christ, Scientist.
Friends Service of Worship; Murray-Dodge Hall, University Campus.
University Preacher, Dean Donald B. Aldrich; University Chapel.
4:00 p.m.: "Scouts Own" Program, opening Girl Scout Week; University Chapel.
7:30 p.m.: Choral Evensong; Sermon, the Rev. Stanley; Trinity Church.
8:00 p.m.: "Highways of the Heart," the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; First Church.
"Open Windows," the Rev. Blakeley; Witherspoon Church.
8:15 p.m.: Evening Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Monday, October 27th

8:00 p.m.: Public Meeting, "The Proposed Constitution and What It Means to You," speaker, James Kerney, editor and publisher of *The Trenton Times*; Miss Fine's School, near Battle Monument.

Tuesday, October 28th

8:00 p.m.: Special Borough Council Meeting, Borough Hall.
8:15 p.m.: Public Meeting, "World Law or World War;" speaker, Mark Van Doren; sponsored by United World Federalists; Alexander Hall, University Campus.

Wednesday, October 29th

8:00 p.m.: "Citizenship Worthy of the Good News," the Rev. Dr. Niles; Prayer and Bible Study; First Church.
Mid-week service; Methodist Church.
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News of the Theatres

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The Playhouse

Singapore (Fri., Sat.) offers some action but a poor plot as Fred MacMurray and Ava Gardner encounter thieves, amnesia and the Japs. Generally second-rate.

Magic Town (Sun. thru Wed.) casts James Stewart as a Gallup interviewer who finds the town of Grandview to be absolutely representative of public opinion throughout the country. The results of such a sampling bonanza are generally amusing, although the picture has some rough edges that were never smoothed out.

Ride the Pink Horse (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) is a melodrama in which Robert Montgomery as a blackmailer tries to put the bite on a racketeer. A pretty half-breed (Wanda Hendrix) helps him out. A bit vague but fairly good fun.

The Garden

Living in a Big Way (Fri., Sat.) lets Gene Kelly dance here & there, has little else to be said for it.

It Happened at the Inn (Mon., Tues., Wed.) is a 1945 French farce (with English titles) that will prove amusing to those who don't mind foreign dialogue. Good of its kind.

Spirit of West Point (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) proves again that name athletes should never let Hollywood scriptwriters exploit their deeds. Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis, late of West Point, in a phony film no football fan could stand.

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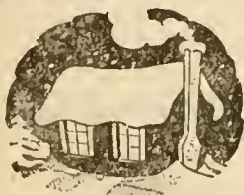
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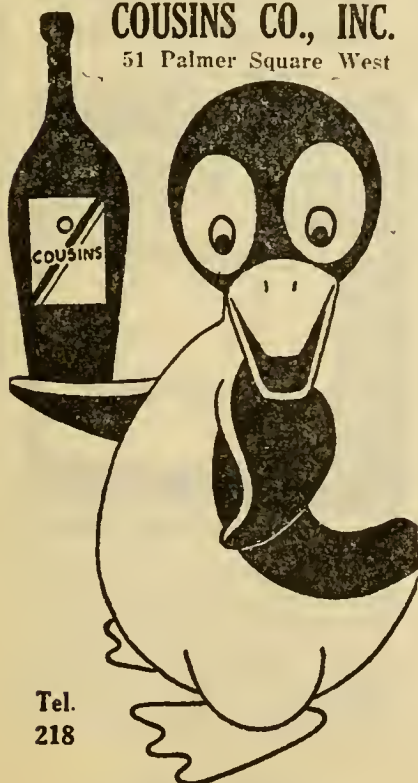
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There will be three classes for ages 7-14, starting November 5 at Rose Cottage, with Miss Longstreth being assisted by a gentleman from the New York Studios. Further details can be obtained by calling Princeton 1865, or writing Box 285. However, we would like to add here, with anti-dance young males uppermost in our minds, that there will be a Christmas party with ice cream and prizes; no white gloves are necessary; and learning dancing, even indirectly, from Fred Astaire, will provide the kind of physical coordination that is always valuable to any man.

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with a possible increase to four next year . . . contributions are still coming in, but full attainment of the goal seems unlikely.

Princeton High's three-game winning streak having been shattered at Trenton Saturday night, the Little Tigers will seek revenge against Trenton Catholic Friday afternoon . . . minus four of its key players (Finical, Franke, Bolting Robertson, Cowie), Princeton's varsity grid team looked well in defeating Colgate but hasn't yet topped a good opponent . . . despite its loss to Navy, Cornell has a potentially strong outfit that may give the Orange and Black the chance it seeks to regain prestige lost in the Rutgers debacle.

George Sella, averaging seven yards per try, leads Nassau backs in just about everything offensive . . . he's first in rushing, pass catching and punt returns and will make an excellent running mate for Paul Cowie, the 9.6 track captain who'll be in there again Saturday . . . since the Tiger line is more than a match for the porous Big Red forward wall, it's a question of what the spotty Princeton pass defense can do against the Ithacans . . . the same brand of play that topped Colgate will win for Princeton this weekend.

William Teague honored the Witherspoon Social Club baseball team at a dinner at the club last week . . . the TOWN TOPICS trophy in the Community Softball League was presented to the Phantoms on Wednesday.

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